

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Open Session – 7:15 PM
Cafeteria

1. **Convene Meeting** – the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) was called to order on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:15 PM by Vice Chair, Shelly Pezza.
 - a. *Roll Call* – Chair, Kathleen Swanson, was absent, Vice Chair, Shelly Pezza, and member, Ron Cervasio were present. Also present were Dr. Michael Barnes, Superintendent and FSC secretary Mrs. McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by all in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – relating to past, current, or future agenda items / Open Forum – there was no comment
3. **Building Use Requests** – there were no requests for Building Use.
4. **Approval of Minutes (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting 4/26/16; Executive Session 4/26/16;* on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio the Minutes Open and Sealed Executive were accepted as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
5. **Approval of Warrants (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Approval of monthly bills from April 2016:* on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Warrant #23 dated 5/6/2016 for \$234,861.64, Warrant #24 dated 5/11/2016 for \$13,960.03, and Warrant #25 dated 5/11/2016 for \$738.25 as presented. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
6. **Business Manager's Report (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Monthly report on activities relating to the business office* – Mr. Petrarca provided the FSC with his report for the month highlighting the State's new employer portal which will be rolled out in June for retirement. The Town and School are still working on the Obama health care and are having difficulties with Paychex coordinating the information needed. Mr. Petrarca will also be updating the fixed assets.
7. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *SIT Plan* – Mrs. Danusis presented an updated extensive School Improvement Plan with a mission, vision and goal.
 - b. *Approval of Foster Teachers' Association Contract* – this item was tabled

- c. *Fiscal Impact Statement Foster Teachers' Association Contract* – this item was tabled
 - d. *Superintendent's Recommendations – Leave of Absence*, on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the 6 week maternity leave of absence for Ashley Custodio. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
 - e. *Adoption of School Committee Policy*
 - 1) *Time & Effort Reporting Requirements of Federal Grant Programs - First Reading* – Dr. Barnes explained this policy is a requirement for federal funds. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the first reading of Policy "Time and Effort Reporting Requirements Federal Grant Program". Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
- 8. Old Business (for discussion/action)**
- a. *Budget – FY 2016-2017 – ongoing refinements to the FY2016-2017 budget* – no discussion
 - b. *2016-2017 School Calendar – approval of the 2016-2017 Calendar* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio the FSC approved the 2016-2017 school calendar. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.
- 9. Communication/Reports**
- a. *Communication - description of communication received / sent to be shared with the public* – there was none.
 - b. *Principal's Report – relating to learning, teaching, and activities of the Paine School*; Mrs. Danusis provided the FSC with her report. There was discussion on the future of technology and robotics at Paine school. No votes were taken.
 - c. *Superintendent's Report - relating to learning, teaching, and management and operations of the Foster School District* – Dr. Barnes shared that he and Mrs. Danusis attended an award ceremony at the State House that afternoon recognizing Mr. Mike Miele, fifth grade teacher, who was recognized for his work done with this fifth grade students. It was a civics award and Mr. Miele took second place. He also shared the discussed between the districts concerning science technology curriculum. There has also been discussion to centralize registration to simplify registration for parents and their students that move into the any of the districts. This will help collect information needed i.e., free and reduced lunches which helps with state aid.
- 10. Seek to convene into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation – Foster Teachers Association / Educational Support Personnel** – there was no Executive Session.
- 11. Future Agenda Items - identification of future agenda items** – Mr. Cervasio requested a Building Committee meeting, Dr. Barnes recommended scheduling a FSC meeting to approve the FTA contract, and Mr. Cervasio recommended a positive article for the FHJ on computers in the school.

12. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC voted to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Motion carried. Vote = 2-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee